COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2997/76

of 9 December 1976

amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2829/76 (2), and in particular Article 25 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pending the adoption of provisions supplementing or harmonizing the definitions of semi-sparkling wines and of products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, provision should be made to extend the period of application of the provisions referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 of 15 July 1974 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3221/75 (4); whereas experience has shown that this can be done without difficulty; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 should therefore be amended by extending to 31 December 1977 the transitional period due to expire on 31 December 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74, '31 December 1976' shall be replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1976.

For the Council

The President

P. J. J. MERTENS

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 326, 25. 11. 1976, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 198, 20. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 320, 11. 12. 1975, p. 4.